

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4, 7-11, 14 and 16-18 are pending in this application. Claims 2-4, 7-11, 14 and 16-18 are amended by the present amendment.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim amendments find support in the claims as originally filed. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 2-4, 7-11, 14 and 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; and Claims 2-4, 7-11, 14 and 16-18 were indicated as allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Initially, Applicants and Applicants' representatives thank Examiner Huynh for the courtesy of a telephone interview on October 9, 2008. During the interview, the terms "switching devices" and "plurality of devices" as they appeared in Claims 2-4, 7-11, 14 and 16-18 were discussed with respect to 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Additionally, Examiner Huynh agreed that Claims 2-4, 7-11, 14 and 16-18 would be allowable if rewritten to better comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

As such, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 2-4, 7-11, 14 and 16-18 in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, Claims 2-4, 7-11, 14 and 16-18 are amended to remove informalities and to address cosmetic matters of form. Particularly, the terms "switching devices" and "plurality of devices" are removed and distinctions are made to specific devices for carrying out the features of the presently claimed invention.

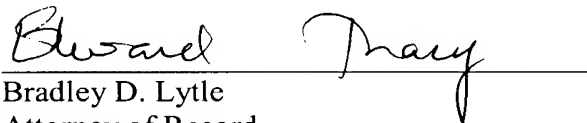
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claims 2-4, 7-11, 14 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite is overcome.

However, if the Examiner disagrees, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to identify mutually agreeable claim language.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action of that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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